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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In complete response to the official action mailed February 21, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

22. (Amended) A method of producing a tablet including live bacteria comprising the steps:

a) mixing live bacteria *Streptococcus thermophilus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*, *Bifidobacterium animalis* and *Lactobacillus plantaris* with inulin to produce a mixture; and

b) pressing said mixture into a tablet employing a force sufficient to form said tablet while maintaining at least about 60% viability of said bacteria.

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